

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of SAPPHAIRE MARIA  
ANTOINETTE ENNIS and AAILIYAH  
DANIELLE GOODSON,<sup>1</sup> Minors.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, f/k/a  
FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

UNPUBLISHED  
September 29, 2005

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANTHONY DWAYNE GOODSON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

KATHY DENISE ENNIS,

Respondent.

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No. 261704  
Wayne Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 03-421920-NA

Before: Saad, P.J., and Jansen and Markey, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals from the trial court's order that terminated his parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). It was clear from the record that the conditions leading to adjudication continued to exist with no reasonable likelihood that the conditions would have been rectified within a reasonable time. Respondent was homeless, he did not have a job, he continued to have a substance abuse problem, and he failed to benefit from anger management counseling. The record also showed that respondent failed to provide the children with proper

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<sup>1</sup> This child's given name is spelled inconsistently throughout the lower court record.

care or custody. Considering his failure to address his substance abuse problem and his anger, it was likely that the children would have been harmed if returned to his care.

Furthermore, the evidence did not establish that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). There was no evidence that a bond existed between respondent and the children. The older child feared her father and told workers that she did not want to be returned to either parent. The girls were doing well in foster care, where they had been for two years, and were entitled to permanence, safety and stability.

Affirmed.

/s/ Henry William Saad

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Jane E. Markey